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Mr. John F. Zent General Manager, Compliance Burlington Resources San Juan Division 3401 East 30th Street P.O. Box 4289 Farmington, NM 87499-4289

Dear Mr. Zent:

Thank you for your January 27, 2003, letter to former U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Administrator Gregg Cooke, regarding the petition for Preliminary Assessments by Earthjustice, made on behalf of (b) (6) Your letter was referred to me for a reply since it concerns a matter within my jurisdiction.

I appreciate your providing the clarifying information regarding issues related to the request for a site assessment and assure you we will take this information into consideration during any decisions EPA makes regarding this matter. Your information will become a part of the official file on this request for a site assessment.

I am glad to know of Burlington Resources' willingness to assist us in addressing the issues (b) (6) raised and thank you for your concern. If you have additional questions, please contact me or your staff can contact LaDonna Turner, of my staff, at 214-665-6666.

Sincerely yours,

Myron O. Knudson, P.E. Director
Superfund Division

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